



# IDAHO CROP & LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS' NEWS

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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News contains the Statewide results of the March Cattle on Feed Survey.*

*This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at [nass-id@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-id@nass.usda.gov) or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.*

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer  
Director

### IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED UP 2 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on March 1, 2006 totaled 255,000 head, up 2 percent from the March 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory was down 4 percent from the number on hand February 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during February totaled 32,000 head, down 1,000 head from February 2005 placements. Marketings during February totaled 38,000 head, down 14,000 from February 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 12.0 million head on March 1, 2006. The inventory was 8 percent above March 1, 2005 and 9 percent above March 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.60 million, 5 percent above 2005 but 1 percent below 2004. Net placements were 1.53 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 355,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 510,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 433,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.61 million, 1 percent below 2005 and 5 percent below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 73,000 during February, 5 percent below 2005 but 6 percent above 2004.

### **Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>**

| State         | Mar. 1, 2005     | Feb. 1, 2006 | March 1, 2006 |              |              |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
|               |                  |              | Number        | As % of 2005 | As % of Feb. |
|               | ---1,000 Head--- |              | ---Percent--- |              |              |
| Arizona       | 324              | 346          | 351           | 108          | 101          |
| California    | 515              | 550          | 550           | 107          | 100          |
| Colorado      | 1,040            | 1,110        | 1,090         | 105          | 98           |
| Idaho         | 250              | 265          | 255           | 102          | 96           |
| Iowa          | 465              | 520          | 520           | 112          | 100          |
| Kansas        | 2,370            | 2,580        | 2,610         | 110          | 101          |
| Nebraska      | 2,320            | 2,490        | 2,450         | 106          | 98           |
| New Mexico    | 125              | 146          | 143           | 114          | 98           |
| Oklahoma      | 340              | 375          | 365           | 107          | 97           |
| South Dakota  | 210              | 210          | 210           | 100          | 100          |
| Texas         | 2,690            | 3,030        | 3,010         | 112          | 99           |
| Washington    | 185              | 153          | 154           | 83           | 101          |
| Other States  | 320              | 335          | 315           | 98           | 94           |
| United States | 11,154           | 12,110       | 12,023        | 108          | 99           |

<sup>1/</sup>Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**A THANK YOU TO ALL IDAHO FARM AND RANCH OPERATORS**

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